

Pro Se 1 (Rev. 12/16) Complaint for a Civil Case

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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Western District of Oklahoma

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U.S. DIST. COURT, WESTERN DIST. OKLA.  
BY KAT DEPUTYWilliam L. Harding

Plaintiff(s)

(Write the full name of each plaintiff who is filing this complaint. If the names of all the plaintiffs cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names.)

Case No. CIV-21-515-D

(to be filled in by the Clerk's Office)

Jury Trial: (check one) ☒ Yes ☐ No

~~Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society~~  
~~of New York~~

SEE Attached

Defendant(s)

(Write the full name of each defendant who is being sued. If the names of all the defendants cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names.)

## COMPLAINT FOR A CIVIL CASE

## I. The Parties to This Complaint

## A. The Plaintiff(s)

Provide the information below for each plaintiff named in the complaint. Attach additional pages if needed.

Name	<u>William L. Harding</u>
Street Address	<u>P.O. Box 548, 16161 Moffat Rd.</u>
City and County	<u>Lexington, Cleveland</u>
State and Zip Code	<u>Oklahoma 73051</u>
Telephone Number	
E-mail Address	

## B. The Defendant(s)

Provide the information below for each defendant named in the complaint, whether the defendant is an individual, a government agency, an organization, or a corporation. For an individual defendant, include the person's job or title (if known). Attach additional pages if needed.

## SAMPLE FORMS

1. **In General.** These forms, as well as forms from the [www.uscourts.gov](http://www.uscourts.gov) website, illustrate information that could be useful when filing complaints or other pleadings. The forms are not comprehensive and do not apply to every type of case.
2. **Not Legal Advice.** No form provides legal advice. No form can substitute for retaining or consulting a lawyer. If you are not a lawyer and you are suing or being sued, it is best to retain or consult a lawyer if possible.
3. **No Guarantee.** Following a form does not guarantee that any pleading is legally or factually correct or sufficient.
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7. **Privacy Requirements.** [FRCP 5.2](#) addresses the privacy and security concerns over public access to electronic court files. Under this rule, papers filed with the court should not contain anyone's full social-security number or full birth date, the name of a person known to be a minor, or a complete financial-account number. A filing may include only the last four digits of a social-security number and taxpayer identification number, the year of someone's birth, a minor's initials, and/or the last four digits of a financial-account number.

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## Defendant No. 1

Name  
 Job or Title (if known)  
 Street Address  
 City and County  
 State and Zip Code  
 Telephone Number  
 E-mail Address (if known)

Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of NY  
 Corporation over Jehovah Witnesses  
 1000 Red Mills Road  
 Wallkill  
 New York 12589-3223

## Defendant No. 2

Name  
 Job or Title (if known)  
 Street Address  
 City and County  
 State and Zip Code  
 Telephone Number  
 E-mail Address (if known)

Christian Congregation of Jehovah Witnesses Inc  
 Corporation of Jehovah Witnesses  
 2821 Rout 22  
 Patterson  
 New York 12563-2237  
 845-306-1100

## Defendant No. 3

Name  
 Job or Title (if known)  
 Street Address  
 City and County  
 State and Zip Code  
 Telephone Number  
 E-mail Address (if known)

Christian Congregation of Jehovah Witnesses Muskogee Ok.  
 English Congregation of Muskogee Okla  
 2740 S. 32  
 Muskogee Muskogee  
 Oklahoma 74401

## Defendant No. 4

Name  
 Job or Title (if known)  
 Street Address  
 City and County  
 State and Zip Code  
 Telephone Number  
 E-mail Address (if known)

Samuel Portis (elder)  
 ELDER  
 524 West South Side Blvd  
 Muskogee Muskogee  
 Oklahoma 74401

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**II. Basis for Jurisdiction**

Federal courts are courts of limited jurisdiction (limited power). Generally, only two types of cases can be heard in federal court: cases involving a federal question and cases involving diversity of citizenship of the parties. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1331, a case arising under the United States Constitution or federal laws or treaties is a federal question case. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1332, a case in which a citizen of one State sues a citizen of another State or nation and the amount at stake is more than \$75,000 is a diversity of citizenship case. In a diversity of citizenship case, no defendant may be a citizen of the same State as any plaintiff.

What is the basis for federal court jurisdiction? (check all that apply)

☒ Federal question

☐ Diversity of citizenship

Fill out the paragraphs in this section that apply to this case.

**A. If the Basis for Jurisdiction Is a Federal Question**

List the specific federal statutes, federal treaties, and/or provisions of the United States Constitution that are at issue in this case.

18 USC-2255: Personal Injury; 18 USC-3283: offense against children  
 18 USC-3299: Child Abduction? sex offenses  
 18 USC-1153-Offenses committed in Indian Country  
 18 USC-3: Accessory after the fact  
 34 USC-20341: Failure to report Child Abuse

**B. If the Basis for Jurisdiction Is Diversity of Citizenship****1. The Plaintiff(s)****a. If the plaintiff is an individual**

The plaintiff, (name) \_\_\_\_\_, is a citizen of the  
 State of (name) \_\_\_\_\_.

**b. If the plaintiff is a corporation**

The plaintiff, (name) \_\_\_\_\_, is incorporated  
 under the laws of the State of (name) \_\_\_\_\_,  
 and has its principal place of business in the State of (name) \_\_\_\_\_.

(If more than one plaintiff is named in the complaint, attach an additional page providing the same information for each additional plaintiff.)

**2. The Defendant(s)****a. If the defendant is an individual**

The defendant, (name) \_\_\_\_\_, is a citizen of  
 the State of (name) \_\_\_\_\_. Or is a citizen of  
 (foreign nation) \_\_\_\_\_.

b. If the defendant is a corporation

The defendant, (name) \_\_\_\_\_, is incorporated under the laws of the State of (name) \_\_\_\_\_, and has its principal place of business in the State of (name) \_\_\_\_\_.  
Or is incorporated under the laws of (foreign nation) \_\_\_\_\_, and has its principal place of business in (name) \_\_\_\_\_.

(If more than one defendant is named in the complaint, attach an additional page providing the same information for each additional defendant.)

3. The Amount in Controversy

The amount in controversy—the amount the plaintiff claims the defendant owes or the amount at stake—is more than \$75,000, not counting interest and costs of court, because (explain):

### III. Statement of Claim

Write a short and plain statement of the claim. Do not make legal arguments. State as briefly as possible the facts showing that each plaintiff is entitled to the damages or other relief sought. State how each defendant was involved and what each defendant did that caused the plaintiff harm or violated the plaintiff's rights, including the dates and places of that involvement or conduct. If more than one claim is asserted, number each claim and write a short and plain statement of each claim in a separate paragraph. Attach additional pages if needed.

SEE Attached: Statement of Claim 1-3

Please Note: All offenses were committed in Indian Country as defined @ 18 USC 1153 per S.Ct ruling in McGirt v. Okla. 140 S.Ct. 2452

### IV. Relief

State briefly and precisely what damages or other relief the plaintiff asks the court to order. Do not make legal arguments. Include any basis for claiming that the wrongs alleged are continuing at the present time. Include the amounts of any actual damages claimed for the acts alleged and the basis for these amounts. Include any punitive or exemplary damages claimed, the amounts, and the reasons you claim you are entitled to actual or punitive money damages.

15,000,000 plus punitive damages: The petitioner has been diagnosed with P.T.S.D. from the sexual abuse suffered, he also finds it difficult trust & fully re-establish his place in his faith. The plaintiff believes his is entitled to punitive damage due to the physical and emotional distress that he still endures

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To this day, Also that the Incorporated defendants continue to refuse to Assist victims of these horrific crimes to receive justice, peace of mind? relief caused by these Actions and Choices

#### V. Certification and Closing

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, by signing below, I certify to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief that this complaint: (1) is not being presented for an improper purpose, such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation; (2) is supported by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument for extending, modifying, or reversing existing law; (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery; and (4) the complaint otherwise complies with the requirements of Rule 11.


##### A. For Parties Without an Attorney

I agree to provide the Clerk's Office with any changes to my address where case-related papers may be served. I understand that my failure to keep a current address on file with the Clerk's Office may result in the dismissal of my case.

Date of signing: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Plaintiff

Printed Name of Plaintiff

May 6<sup>th</sup> 2021  
  
 William L. Harding

##### B. For Attorneys

Date of signing: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Attorney

Printed Name of Attorney

Bar Number

Name of Law Firm

Street Address

State and Zip Code

Telephone Number

E-mail Address